**Special status to NTPC**

49. SHRI C. PERUMAL: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Thermal Power Corporation has sought special status to bid for mega projects;

(b) if so, whether the request has been accepted;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SHINDE) (a) to (d) NTPC envisages to participate in the bidding process for Ultra Mega Projects and is exploring the option of bidding through JV/Consortium route to take combined strength of partners to be competitive. Keeping in view the existing ceiling of 15% of the net worth of the PSE in one project limited of Rs. 1000 crores applicable to navratna companies, including NTPC, for establishment of financial Joint Ventures and wholly owned subsidiaries, NTPC has sought special exemption/waiver of the financial limit of Rs. 1000 Crores, which requires approval by Cabinet. Ministry of Power is taking necessary steps in this regard.

**Power projects in private sector**

†50. SHRI JAI PRAKASH AGGARWAL: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of power projects in private sector in the country as on date likely to be commissioned during next three years;

(b) the additional power (in Mega Watts) likely to be generated on commissioning of the said projects in private sector, project-wise;

(c) whether the work is progressing well in the power projects in private sector, likely to be commissioned during next three years; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SHINDE): (a) As per information available with Central Electricity Authority, as on date, twelve power projects comprising of eight thermal and four hydro electric power projects are likely to be commissioned during the next three years.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) 4286 MW of additional capacity is likely to be available for power generation on commissioning of these projects, in the private sector. The project wise details are in the Statement enclosed (*See* below).

(c) and (d) As can be seen from the information available and furnished in the Annexure enclosed, in almost all the cases, the project construction work appears to be on schedule.

***Statement***

*The project-wise details of Power Projects*

| Sl. No. | Name of the projects, State, executing agency | Capacity (MW) | Broad status of the works |
|---|---|---|---|
| **Thermal** | | | |
| 1 | OP Jindal TPP Ph-I & II, Chhattisgarh, M/s. Jindal Power Ltd. | 1000 (4x250) | Unit-1:<br>- Boiler erection started on 15.7.05.<br>- Boiler drum lifted on 27.2.2006.<br>- Boiler HT is scheduled in 08/06.<br>- TG erection commenced in 04/06.<br>Unit-2:<br>- Boiler erection commenced.<br>- Boiler drum lifted on 20.3.06.<br>- TG erection commenced in 05/06.<br>Unit-3:<br>- Boiler erection commenced.<br>- Boiler drum lifted on 30.4.06.<br>Unit-4:<br>- Boiler erection yet to start. |
| 2 | Sugen Gas based CCPP (Akhakhol), Gujarat, M/s. Torrent Power Generation Ltd. | 1128 (3x376) | - Civil foundation for HRSG, GT and ST module, cooling tower and switchyard are completed.<br>- HRSG modules supplies started reaching at site in June 2006. |

| Sl. No. | Name of the projects, State, executing agency | Capacity (MW) | Broad status of the works |
|---|---|---|---|
| | | | - Cooling tower (3 Nos.) are progressing as per schedule.<br>- Construction intake well and non-EPC works in the main site have been completed. 2 nos. reservoirs (2x60 M Cusec) already completed. |
| 3 | Gautami CCPP, Andhra Pradesh, M/s. Gautami Power Ltd. | 464 | The project is ready for commissioning but held up due to non-availability of natural gas by GAIL. |
| 4 | Konaseema CCPP, Andhra Pradesh, M/s. EPS Oakwell Power Ltd. | 445 | The project is ready for commissioning but held up due to non-availability of natural gas by GAIL. Back charging of switchyard by APTRANSCO. |
| 5 | Lanco Amarkantak (Pathadi) Mega TPS Ph-I. Chhattisgarh, M/s. Lanco Amarkantak Power Pvt. Ltd. | 300 | All statutory clearances are available.<br>Levelling and grading work is in progress. |
| 6 | WHR Power Plant, Goa, M/s. Goa Energy Pvt. Ltd. | 30 | The zero date of the project is 1.4.04. Orders for all the BOPs already placed. Boiler erection started.<br>TG erection start is expected by the end of July, 2006. |
| 7 | Trombay Extn. Maharashtra, M/s. Tata Power Company | 250 | EPC awarded in 7/06.<br>Design & Engg. Work started. |
| | TOTAL | 3617 | |
| **Hydro** | | | |
| 1. | Vishnuprayag HEP, Uttaranchal, M/s. JP Power Venture Ltd. | 400 (4x100) | All civil & hydro-mechanical works completed. Unit-1 & Unit-2 has since been synchronized on 3.6.2006 & 23.6.2006 respectively. Erection of Unit-3 & Unit-4 are in progress. |

| Sl. No. | Name of the projects, State, executing agency | Capacity (MW) | Broad status of the works |
|---|---|---|---|
| 2. | Chujachen HEP, Sikkim, M/s. GATI | 99 (2x49.5) | Civil and hydro-mechanical works awarded. Infrastructure works are in progress. |
| 3. | Budhil HEP, Himachal Pradesh, LANCO | 70 (2x35) | Environment & forest clearance obtained. Civil and H&M works awarded. |
| 4. | Malana-II HEP, Himachal Pradesh, EVEREST PC | 100 (2x50) | EPC contract for civil and hydro-mechanical works awarded to M/s. L&T. Infrastructure works are in progress.<br>Construction of tail race tunnel is in progress. |
| | TOTAL | 669 | |
| | GRAND TOTAL | 4286 | |

**Setting UP/expansion of power plants**

51. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether dany proposal for setting up or expansion of power plants in Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan are pending clearance with Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the reasons for the delay; and

(c) by when the same are likely to be cleared?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SHINDE): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

**Mega Power project in Andhra Pradesh**

52. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Andhra Pradesh had requested his Ministry to establish the ultra mega power project in the State; and